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1	117. (As filed) The method of claim 116, wherein identifying the cusps
2	includes locating the cusps in one of the planes and then confining the search for cusps in an
3	adjacent plane to a predetermined area in the vicinity of the identified cusps.
1	110 (A. 61-4) The mode of efficient 116 C at a 117 to 117
1	118. (As filed) The method of claim 115, further comprising allowing a
2	human user to select data elements that roughly identify the locations of the cusps in a selected
3	one of the cross-sectional areas.
1	119. (As filed) The method of claim 118, further comprising searching for
2	cusps in the selected cross-sectional area and confining the search to data elements lying within
3	a predetermined area in the vicinity of the data elements selected by the human user.
1	120. (As filed) The method of claim 118, further comprising searching for
2	cusps in an adjacent cross-sectional area and confining the search to data elements lying within
3	a predetermined area in the vicinity of the data elements selected by the human user.

Please cancel claims 121-192.

REMARKS

Applicants have filed a CPA seeking consideration of the Amendment filed on March 5, 2001. Applicants have cancelled claims 121-192 which the Examiner has indicated contain new matter in the Office Action mailed on February 27, 2001. As claims 1-120 were indicates as being allowable, Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes made to the Amendment filed on March 5, 2001. The attached page is captioned with "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference call would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 121-192 have been cancelled.